

DRAFT – not reviewed or approved
PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
Saturday, August 9, 2025

Commissioners Attending:

James McCarthy, Carla Gillespie, Tom McIntee, Tim Larson,

Absent:

Gene Schultz, Brad Olson, Dan Lowe

Public:

Fewer than 10 people

Meeting Convenes

9:12 a.m..

Approval of Draft Minutes

Minutes from the July 9, 2025 Commissioners meeting are approved

Township Report

Recycling bins will be coming in a few more weeks.

The township has received a bid from one excavation company for \$10,000 to repair the landing. Looking to get more bids, work can't start until the water level goes down.

There is a discussion of the Lakes District agreeing to pay 50% of the cost up to \$5,000.

County Report

Logan Hacker said they will be revising lakeshore guidances and ordinances.

Treasurer's Report

An audit was conducted two weeks ago.

There is about \$53,000 in checking, \$77,000 in repaid response. About \$63,000 of that is not available for spending.

Healthy Lakes

We have three active projects and two more families signed up this summer.

Water Quality Projects

A.. Prof. Bill James is conducting a study on North Pipe Lake to see if it is a good candidate for alum treatment in the shallow zones. This study is being conducted with funds from private donors.

B. The Polk County Watershed Project identified the implementation of agricultural management practices as a key step for our Lakes District. The Daninger family has agreed to allow Polk County to design and install a project on their property. The Lakes District will cover their cost. A big thank you to the Daningers!

C. The SW Culvert - Our data shows there has been a high level phosphorus in the culvert since 2014. We have received grant money to study drainage improvements. Property owner Angela Popenhagen is a civil engineer and has doubts about the accuracy of our data. We have one year to use the grant money.

D CLMP Project - Polk County will assist us in a preparing a Comprehensive Land Management Program. Work would star in 2026 and be in place from 2028- 2038.

Update about WDNR Surface Water Grant Pre-Applications (due Sept 15);

The Omnibus resolution and Healthy Lakes resolution are approved.

August 16, 2025 Picnic update

Picnic preparation is going well.

Update on safe & prudent boating:

A discussion about a recommendation to make slow/no-wake zones the same for motor boats as for jet skis, 200 feet from the shoreline, and elevated wakes generated by wake boats in the center of Pipe Lake. This recommendation would be made at the Annual Meeting. One person expressed concern that this may generate ill will among wake boat owners. Carla and Tom said Commissioners have been contacted by residents who have concerns about wake boats. In response, we have done a fair amount of research. A recommendation is not the same as a ordinance.

District Commissioner election @ 8/30/2025 Annual Mtg; nominations

The board will nominate Jim Ladner for the open seat on the board.

Old and New Business

A discussion about the creation of neighborhood groups, stewardship groups, the purchase of reusable signs and making sure to invite landing monitors the the picnic.

Meeting Adjourns

10:58 a.m.